

"Bespoke Journey of Luxury Experience"

South India Splendors & God's Own Country – Kerala

14 Days /13 Nights

Arrival Bangalore 02 Nights – Mysore 01 Night – Kabini 02 Nights – Ooty 01 Night – Coonoor 01 Night – Munnar 02 Nights – Periyar 01 Night – Kumarakom 01 Night – Alleppey Houseboat 01 Night – Depart Kochi 01 Night



Traditions, Customs & Legacy



Day 01 Arrival Bangalore

Upon arrival at Bangalore Airport, our team will be holding your name signage, Welcomed by "Adventure World" in the arrival hall.

You will be met and transferred to your Hotel for Check-in with welcome briefing.

Our travel manager will then outline your wonderful itinerary ahead.

A cosmopolitan city now called Bengaluru' infamous as India's most progressive and developed IT cities. It offers year-round pleasant climate and a growing drinking, dining and shopping scene. Though there are no world-class sights, you'll find lovely parks and striking Victorian-era architecture. A hustling city today, Bangalore often reminisces about its days as a sleepy cantonment area of the British - tree lined avenues with quaint sounding names like Richmond Town and Victoria Layout hint that the city does get sentimental about its past.

Overnight Bangalore: (5* Star Luxury Hotel) – ITC Windsor

Address: 25 Windsor Palace, Golf Course Road, Bangalore - 560052 Ph: +91-80-22269898

Website: https://www.itchotels.com/in/en/itcwindsor-bengaluru
Accommodation of ITC one for 2 nights including Breakfast









Day 02 Bangalore sightseeing tour / Breakfast

Today morning at 0900 hrs you will begin your sightseeing tour of **Bangalore** from lobby of your hotel. You will be met by our guide and drive you to **Nandi /Bull Temple** with 50 steps to climb, built by Kempe Gowda the local Chieftan in the 16th century the founder of Bengaluru. After which proceed to **Lal Bagh** laid by Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan with a large expanse of 240 acres of greenery having a good collection of rare tropical and subtropical pants and as well many centuries old trees. Later walked first to inside a beautiful colonial styled **St Mark's Cathedral** that was consecrated by bishop of Calcutta in 1816. Next we visit **Queens Park** to see **Queen Victoria Statue** and father of our nation **Mahatma Gandhi Statue**. Continuing we walk towards a red colored colonial-era building of and visit inside. This 1877-built museum houses rare collection of ancient coins and artifacts dating back 5000Yr old Indus Valley Civilization.

Next we visit **Cubbon Park** that has famed Bangalore as the 'Garden City of India', Bull Temple. The park stretches over 300acres and houses various **Government Buildings** for you to explore (from outside). Here we witness a Dravidian style building Vidhana Soudha aka the seat of state legislature, and red stoned **High Court** built in a Graeco-roman architecture. Continuing your walk we pass across four decade old **M. Chinnaswamy Cricket Stadium** home of team 'Royal Challengers Bangalore'. Next we visit **MG Road** named after initials of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi. Late evening you will return back to Hotel. Evening at leisure.









Day 03 Bangalore - Mysore / Breakfast

Today morning after <u>Breakfast/Checkout</u> at 0900 hrs you will be driven from Bangalore to **Mysore** (145 Kms, appx. 3 hrs drive). Upon arrival in Mysore you will be met and assisted and <u>Check in</u> at Hotel around 1230 hrs.

Mysore aka Mysuru is a mythological town. Legend has it that the town got its name from Mahishasura the Hindu mythological demon that got slayed by Goddess Chamundeswari, whose infamous 1000 meter hilltop temple watches through the entire city of Mysore and has hosted several sultans and dynasties including the great Tipu Sultan Warrior Clan to The British Empire.

At 1630 hrs visit Dev Raja Fruit & Vegetable Market in Mysore

Overnight Mysore: (5* Star Hotel) – Radisson Blu Plaza

Address: 1, MG Road, Indiranagar Extension, JC Nagar, Mysuru, Karnataka 570010 Ph: +91-821-7101234

Website: https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-mysore

Accommodation of One Bed Room Suites for 1 night including Breakfast

Day 04 Mysore - Nagarhole National Park / Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today morning after breakfast at 0845 hrs you will begin our sightseeing tour of heritage city of **Mysore**. We visit inside **Mysore Palace** - the official residence of 'Royal Family of Mysore' who ruled the princely state 1399 to 1950. The palace is an Indo-Saracenic masterpiece, having blends of Hindu, Muslim, Rajput, and Gothic styles. Inside we explore its Museum housing some of world oldest artifacts and an intriguing collection of 700-plus ancient weapons. Next, we take you to **Chamundi Hill** at a height of over 1000mtr and visit inside sacred **Chamundeswari Temple** dedicated to Hindu 'Goddess Durga' aka the great divine mother, and a 350 year old **Bull Temple of 'Nandi'** that serves as the vehicle of Lord Shiva – the creator and lord of universe. Once uphill we also enjoy panoramic sunset views of the city.

After tour drive at 1215 hrs from Mysore to Evolve Back Resort in **Kabini, Nagarhole** (62 Kms, approx. 1.5 hrs drive). and check in at your resort around 1400 hrs. Straightaway proceed for Lunch at Evolve Back, Kabini. **Lunch & Dinner** at your Evolve Back Resort. Evening at leisure

Overnight Kabini: (5* Star Deluxe Luxury Resort) – Evolve Back, Kabini

Address: Beerambally, Jakkalli (N. Begur), Karnataka 571116 Ph: +91-6366920434

Website: http://www.evolveback.com/evolve-back-kabini/

Accommodation of Pool Hut for 2 nights including Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 05 Nagarhole National Park (Kabini) / Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today morning after tea or coffee and biscuits, Jeep / Canter will be ready to begin your 1 x Morning Jeep Safari (sharing) (at 0530 hrs) for sunrise into the Nagarhole National Park (0530-0830 Hrs). Watch wild animals in their natural habitat and refresh yourself in the wide variety of flora and fauna. Nagarhole has always been the place in India for leopard sightings and the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve reports a particularly higher density of melanistic leopards. Nagarhole is undoubtedly the best place to find the black panther!

After safari we will return back to your Resort to relax.

Enjoy the **Lunch** at your Resort. Followed by Lunch Jeep / Canter will be ready to welcome you and begin your **1 x later** (sharing) **Boat Safari** at 1530 hrs into the Nagarhole National Park

You will be transferred back to Resort in the evening

Enjoy Dinner at your Evolve Back Resort in Kabini.





Day 06 Kabini - Ooty / Breakfast

Today morning after <u>Breakfast/Checkout</u> at 0930 hrs when you will be driven from Kabini to **Ooty** (125 Kms, approx. 3.5 hrs drive) located in the Nilgiri Hills of Western Ghats. Often called as 'Queen of Hill Stations', Ooty is a blend of Indian bustle and ancient temples with natural flora and charming British Raj Era houses. Upon arrival you will be met by our representative for <u>Check-in</u> at Hotel.

Ooty is a Hill Station located in the Nilgiri Hills of Western Ghats. The region remain unknown to various dynasties, until 1800's when the British Empire ventured into the riches of the regions and made Ooty into their very own summer retreat. Today the regal charm still exists everywhere in Ooty as it offers a unique blend of natural flora and charming British Raj Era houses. Pronounced as the Queen of Hill Stations of India, its terrain offers nations finest Coffee Bean and Aromatic Tea Plantations.

Enjoy rest day at leisure.

Overnight Ooty: (4.5* Star Luxury Hotel) – Savoy – IHCL Selections (owned by Taj Group of Hotels)

Address: Sylks Road, Monterosa Colony, Ooty, Tamil Nadu 643001 Ph: +91-423-2225500

Website: https://www.selegtionshotels.com/en-in/savoy/

Accommodation of Premium Garden View Rooms for 1 night including Breakfast









Day 07 Ooty sightseeing tour - Coonoor/ Breakfast

After breakfast at 0800 hrs you will be taken for **Morning Scenic Tour of Ooty** visiting the 1848 built **Botanical Garden** famed as a living gallery of natural flora of the Nilgiris housing some of the oldest fossils some dating back to 20 million years. Next, we take you on scenic **Lake Boatride** on **Pykara Lake**, and if time permits, we continue spotting some more hidden Lakes of Ooty. Later we visit a local café **Willy's Coffee Pub** to enjoy local **Coffee/Masala Tea & Snacks**. (Since your Ooty tour will be from 0800 – 1130 hrs, we suggest that you checkout & take your bags alongwith you in the vehicle.)

Thereafter Get ready for the highlight of your trip as we transfer you to <u>Ooty Udhagamandalam Train</u> <u>Station</u> to reach by 1200 hrs noon and board your heritage steam toy train of **Nilgiri Mountain Railway** to **Coonoor Hill Station** famed for the production of 'Nilgiri Tea'.

The track runs 46 km and passes thru 250 bridges surrounding forested hills and tea plantations. This heritage journey started in early 1900s during the British Raj Era, and later gained popularity as a film spot from 1984 popular British film 'A Passage to India' by David Lean and today amongst several Bollywood films.

Depart Udagamandalam (Ooty) (ETD: 1215 hrs by Hill Steam Train) / Arrive Coonoor (ETA: 1315 hrs)
(Non Aircond. Chair Car)
(Train ticket also issued for the Guide to accompany you)

Upon your arrival in Coonoor, you will be driven to Gateway Hotel (Selections Taj IHCL Coonoor) and check in at your hotel.

Overnight Coonoor: (4* Star Hotel) – The Gateway – IHCL Selections

Address: Upper, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu 643101 Ph: +91-423-2225400

Website: https://www.seleqtionshotels.com/en-in/gateway-coonoor/

Accommodation of Premium Suites for 1 night including Breakfast



Day 08 Coonoor - Munnar Tea Hill-Station / Breakfast

After <u>Breakfast/Checkout</u> you will be picked up at 0830 hrs from your Coonoor Hotel and driven to **Munnar** (238kms drive, approx. 6 hours drive).

Upon arrival in Munnar check in at your hotel.

Munnar Hill Station situated in the Western Ghats range of mountains and 5000 feet above sea level. Munnar is home to South India's largest tea-growing region, and carpeted in emerald-green tea plantation hills. Being located in the scenic western-ghat mountain ranges and 1600m above sea level, offers you low mountain scenery where you're often up above the clouds watching veils of mist clinging to the mountaintops

Evening relax & enjoy the Hotel and its scenic surroundings.

Overnight Munnar: (5* Star Hotel) - Fragrant Nature

Address: Bison Valley - Pooppara Road, Pothemmedu, Munnar, Kerala 685612 Ph: +91-4868-257800

Website: https://www.fragrantnature.com/

Accommodation of Moon Light Bliss Room for 2 nights including Breakfast









Day 09 Munnar Tea Trail, Soft Treks & Bird Sightseeing / Breakfast

Located high in the Cardamom Hills, Munnar was developed to cultivate spices and varieties of tea plants during the British Raj Era. The entire area is covered with thick forests and neatly groomed tea estates. There are planter's bungalows and grand old churches from the Raj era in Munnar.

This morning after breakfast at 0930 hrs we take you for a Tea Trail to the family owned **Tea Plantations** in the region. Learn about growing tea and visit a tea factory to see how tealeaves are classified, processed and packaged. We also visit the iconic **Tata Tea Factory & Museum**. Enjoy tasting the various spices, herbs to teas that are regional to the area. The fragrance is in the air! Some of the main spices cultivated here are ginger, garlic, cardamom, vanilla, pepper, cinnamon, coffee, tea, clove and nutmeg.

Next, we take you for a Soft-Trek inside the infamous **Eravikulam National Park** of Kerala. Amongst other rare flora and fauna found here, encounter the Nilgiri Tahrs a species of mountain goats exclusive to the region. Exotic Bird Sighting is popular in this region also. On your visit to the different Tea Gardens, Estates and Parks ready your cameras and capture boisterous rainbow families to spread their wings and pose for you!









Day 10 Munnar - Periyar National Park / Breakfast

After <u>breakfast & checkout</u> at 0930 hrs our scenic drive takes you to **Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary** (110 Kms, approx. 4 hrs drive). Upon arrival you will be checked-in to your eco-friendly Boutique Resort resembling a traditional village using thatched built from elephant grass.

South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary, Periyar, also called Thekkady, encompasses 777 sq km and a 26-sq-km artificial lake created by the British in 1895. The vast region is home to bison, sambar, wild boar, langur, 900 to 1000 elephants and 35 to 40 hard-to-spot tigers. It's firmly established on both the Indian and foreigner tourist trails and has a typical boat cruise that doesn't scream 'wildlife experience', but if you dig deeper and do a trek led by a tribal villager, the hills and jungle scenery make for a rewarding visit. Bring warm and waterproof clothing!

Overnight Periyar: (4* Star Boutique Resort) – Spice Village (by CGH Earth Hotels) Address: Kottayam - Kumily Road, Thekkady, Kumily, Kerala 685509 Ph: +91-484-4261711 Website: https://www.cghearth.com/spice-village

Accommodation of Spice Garden Cottage for 1 night including breakfast









Day 11 Periyar National Park - Kumarakom / Breakfast

Today early morning at 0645 hrs, guide will accompany you to board a shared **Boat-Ride** inside **Periyar National Park** to sight some of the rare flora and fauna of South India. After Breakfast/Checkout when you will be picked up from your hotel at 1130 hrs & driven to the pearl on Vembanad Lake of South India – **Kumarakom**, (140 Kms, approx. 3 hr drive). and Check in at your unique off the beaten retreat that offers an interplay of coconut groves and backwater canals, with old wooden Keralan homes transplanted, preserved and cherished.

Kumarakom is a village on Vembanad Lake in the backwaters of Kerala, southern India. It's laced with canals, where houseboats ply the waters. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is home to many species including cuckoos and Siberian storks. Nearby, the Bay Island Driftwood Museum displays wooden sculptures.

After check in you are free at leisure. or a leisurely walk through the resort for while watching the activities local mat making/pottery/ and enjoy a cup of local tea preparing in the country boat or some other activities in and around.

Overnight Kumarakom: (5* Star Luxury Resort) - Kumarakom Lake Resort

Address: Kumarakom North Post, Kottayam, Kerala, India, 686563 Ph: +91-481-2524900

Website: https://www.kumarakomlakeresort.in/

Accommodation of Meandering Pool Villa for 1 night including breakfast



Day 12 Kumarakom - Alleppey / Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After Breakfast/Checkout at 1000 hrs when you will be driven from Kumarakom to reach **Jetty Point of Spice Routes** at 1230 hrs. The House Boat sets sail and heads to the "Vembanad Lake" Asia's largest freshwater lake. Watch a whole new world unfold during your cruise as you sail along the tranquil waters. And then through a shimmering exotic maze of interlinked canals and rivers and lakes bordered by vibrant and lush green foliage, palms and paddy fields. Lunch is served on board. Then cruising through Marthandam, Chithira Kayal with more of the below-sea-level paddy farming. Overnight stay at Akkarakalam / munnatumugam. Lunch & Dinner board Spice Route Luxury Houseboat (bedrooms in houseboat will be provided in accordance with group size).

Houseboat will be anchored for the night at 1730 hrs Dinner will be served aboard your houseboat.

Overnight Alleppey: (Deluxe Houseboat) - Spice Route Houseboat

Address: Kainakary Pooppally Road, Pallathuruthy, Ponga, Kainakary South, Kerala 688501 Ph: +91-86060 00426

Website: https://spiceroutes.in/

Luxury Houseboat - for 1 night including breakfast, lunch & dinner









Day 13 Alleppey - Kochi / Breakfast

Early Morning we continue sailing to Monkombu region and after Breakfast we disembark by 0900 hrs at spice routes Jetty point, ready to go on with onward journey to Kochi, already nostalgic about spectacular and tranquil experience of Backwaters of Alleppey

After checkout at 0900 hrs, our scenic drive from Alleppey Jetty point takes you to Kochi (52 Kms, approx. 120 minutes drive). Upon arrival you will check-in at 1230 hrs your hotel.

Later at 1400 hrs Kochi City tour begins. Heritage Walk in old city called Fort Kochi renowned for a history drawing explorers to its shores for over 600 years. Discover traditional houses at vibrant Princes Street having a mix of British, Portuguese, and Dutch architecture. Here you can witness a perfect blend of new and old colonial era, as the street is home to British, Portuguese, and Dutch era architecture visible everywhere from local residences, street bazaar to cafés. We reach Old Kochi Beach to witness demonstration by local fisherman on 14th century technique of giant Chinese Fishing Nets installed by traders of Mongul Empire. We continue tour and visit inside India's oldest European churches built by Portuguese Friars, The St Francis Church where rests the tomb of Vasco da Gama, and whitewashed Santa Cruz Basilica dating back to the 1500's. Next we drive or hop-on a Local Tuk-Tuk Ride to Mattancherry, a hub for spice trading and historic sites. Inside 16th century Portuguese Dutch Palace featuring preserved murals from Hindu and South Indian epics. Explore the infamous Jew Town of Kochi where resides a 400 year-old Pardesi Jewish Synagogue. From outside Afterwards we explore Street Markets including Spice Walk Tour, as the area has been a trader's hub since 14th century pre-Islamic era. These markets are renowned for trading between Europeans and Arabs since the olden times, and today home to traditional spices, oils and classic arts-craft.

Later in the evening at 1815 hrs we take you to a vintage wood-lined theatre for a **traditional Kathakali Live Dances of Kerala**, completed with ancient story telling using intimate hand-eye coordination. Before the show begins, we take you backstage to witness the Dancers authentic make-up ceremony and routine.

Overnight Kochi: (5* Star Boutique Luxury Hotel) – Brunton Boatyard (by CGH Earth Hotels)

Address: 1/498, Calvetty Road, Fort Kochi, Kochi, Kerala 682001 Ph: +91-7594012555

Website: https://www.cghearth.com/brunton-boatyard

Accommodation of Sea Facing Room for 1 night including breakfast



Day 14 Depart Kochi – Tour Ends / Breakfast

After breakfast/ checkout you will be picked up from your hotel Brunton Boatyard and transferred to **Kochi** airport to catch onward Flight . Tour Ends

Travel Notes:

- International flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 3-4 Hours prior to flight departure timing.
 - Domestic flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 2-3 Hours prior to flight departure timing.
 India Hotel Check-in time at 1400 hrs / Checkout time 1100 hrs at hotels.

** Namaste, Bon Voyage and see you again **

** End of our services **

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PER PERSON PACKAGE COST IN US DOLLARS

VALIDITY PERIOD	Minimum 02 Persons	Minimum 04 Persons	Minimum 06 Persons
	travelling on Twin	travelling on Twin	travelling on Twin
	sharing basis in Aircond.	sharing basis in Aircond	sharing basis in Aircond
	Toyota Crysta Car.	Micro bus.	Micro bus.
01 MAR'2025 TILL 30	Land Cost @ USD 4190 Per	Land Cost @ USD 3890 Per	Land Cost @ USD 3550 Per
<u>SEP'2025</u>	Person	Person	Person*
01 OCT2025 TILL 30	Land Cost @ USD 4850 Per	Land Cost @ USD 4500 Per	Land Cost @ USD 4100 Per
<u>SEP'2026</u>	Person	Person	Person



Package Inclusions

- Personalized Meet & Greet at Airports & Hotels
- 13 Night's Deluxe Accommodation in Twin / Double Rooms inclusive of daily Breakfast or similar
- ➤ Kabini accommodation & Alleppey houseboat includes mandatory full-board (all 3 meals daily)
- ➤ 2 x Wildlife sharing Safari's (One Morning Jeep Safari and One Late Afternoon Boat Safari) with an
- > expert naturalist to accompany you inside Nagarhole National Park
- Approved English Speaking Guides for Tours as specified in the Itinerary.
- Train tickets for sector Ooty / Coonoor.
- Soft Trek inside Eravikulam National Park.
- ➤ Boat ride inside Periyar National Park.
- Airconditioned House Boat stay in Vembanad Lake
- Transfers, Tours, Excursion by Airconditioned Vehicle
- ➤ 02 Bottle of Mineral Water Per Person Per Day in Vehicle
- ➤ *Based on 06 Persons travelling together on Twin sharing basis.
- ➤ All Entrance fees/tickets/permits at monuments as per itinerary
- Current Government of India Goods & Service Tax (GST)

Package Exclusions

- India Tourist Visa
- Travel Insurance (if any)
- ➤ Lunches & Dinners throughout except where mentioned
- ➤ Gratuities/Tipping
- Supplement cost of Christmas Eve Dinner / New Year Eve Dinner / any other festival dates.
- Items of personal nature use such as laundry, phone bills, drinks etc.
- Video camera fees at monuments and parks
- Early check-in and Late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in inclusions
- Any other item not mentioned in cost includes column

TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERED

Airconditioned Toyota Large Car (sits upto 3 persons)



Airconditioned Deluxe Micro Bus – Tempo Traveller (sits 4 - 8 Pax)

